Leprosy cases

283. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the States where the cases of leprosy has been increasing;

(b) if so, the number of leprosy cases detected during each of the last three years, State/Union Territory-wise;

(c) the reasons for the increase in leprosy patients in these States;

(d) whether anti-leprosy efforts have not achieved full success so far; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) The States where large number of patients have been detected through intensified case detection efforts of Central Government, are U.P., M.P., Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh. A statement showing the number of leprosy cases detected year-wise from 1997-98 to 1999-2000 is given in the Statement-I (*See* below). The high prevalence of leprosy cases in the these States is due to detection of a large number of hidden cases during the intensified case detection drive undertaken during the modified leprosy elimination campaign in these States, rather then due to rise in incidence of the disease.

(d) and (e) There are still many hidden cases which are not reported due to the stigma attached to the disease or are not detected due to weak health infrastructure in some areas. The target now fixed for leprosy elimination is to reduce the case load to less then 1/10,000 population by the end of 2003. Special efforts are being undertaken to achieve this target particularly in highly endemic States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, West Bengal, MP and UP.

Statement

NATIONAL LEPROSY ERADICATION PROGRAMME

Number of Leprosy cases detected, Year-wise (1997-98 and 1999-2000)

S. No.	State / Sector	1997-1998 Detection Achievement	1998-1999 Detection Achievement	1999-2000 Detection Achievement
	STATES			
1.	Andhra Pradesh	53418	65966	56501
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	58	331	169
3.	Assam	1765	6732	3087
4.	Bihar	104478	277336	78065
5.	Goa	436	658	329
6.	Gujarat	15567	12848	10490
7.	Haryana	148	823	452
8.	Himachal Pradesh	258	371	321
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	739	951	520
10.	Karnataka	17766	26524	21797
11.	Kerala	4699	5676	3826
12.	Madhya Pradesh	31449	56319	27849
13.	Maharashtra	62473	52236	59785
14.	Manipur	243	197	226
15.	Meghalaya	23	275	106
16.	Mizoram	43	75	31
17.	Nagaland	53	71	79
18.	Orissa	99341	41534	54703
19.	Punjab	1198	2049	1100
20.	Rajasthan	3037	2797	2091
21.	Sikkim	39	85	24
22.	Tamil Nadu	29649	46429	37561
23.	Tripura	201	490	101
24.	Uttar Pradesh	55859	107632	101681
25.	West Bengal	38134	71728	28251
26.	A and N Islands	90	54	41
27.	Chandigarh	260	332	150
28.	D and N Haveli	180	328	283
29.	Daman and Diu	124	64	7
30.	Delhi	2170	1464	2870
31.	Lakshadweep	0	42	1
32.	Pondicherry	513	700	703
	TOTAL:	524411	783117	493200